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of \$300 — only 80 percent of the national average. Almost 36 percent of the state's work force was idle.

The prospects of government-sponsored work brought thousands of potential Utah enrollees to sign up, all eager to do whatever was required to earn \$30 a month. Over the next 10 years, the CCC workers performed hundreds of jobs in Utah, working on roads, building construction, flood-control projects, forest replantation and dozens of other tasks.

In the first enrollment in Salt Lake City on May 4, 1933, 140 men were selected from the 4,000 who applied. The U.S. Forest Service certified another 85 positions, and all 225 men trooped to Fort Douglas for medical examinations, new clothing and assignments. They became Company 940, Utah's first.

Of the \$30 CCC enrollees earned monthly, \$25 went back to their families, who were on government relief. But \$5 went a long way in those days, C.V. "Skip" Anderson later told a Deseret News reporter. His father, Victor, was a heavy-equipment operator for the U.S. Forest Service and worked in CCC camps near Moab and Monticello.

Utah started with 20 camps, located primarily in national forests, with one in Zion National Park. Another five soon were set up for erosion control projects. Besides the Utah enrollees, young men began to arrive from the East, mostly from Fort Monroe, Va. The first emphasis of the project was to get young men out of the country's big cities and to work.

The first Utah camp, in American Fork Canyon, was completed by June 7. It had officers' quarters, a mess hall and kitchen, showers, hospital, recreation hall and utility buildings. Four barracks were quarters for 200 men. Over the

years, there were 116 camps in the state, although not all were in use at the same time.

During the 10-year CCC experience in Utah, more than 3.2 million trees were planted. The preliminary work on several large dams, including Deer Creek and Pineview, was completed and 309 small reservoirs were built. Along the Wasatch Front, hillsides were terraced and diversion dams built to prevent flooding. Campgrounds were improved and ranger stations (some of them still in use) were built. As the result of CCC efforts, for the first time there was a road from Escalante to Boulder so mules were no longer needed to make the trip.

The experimental terracing methods used above Bountiful became a standard for flood and erosion control in mountain terrain.

Some summers, the ready-made work force spent its time battling crickets in parts of Utah. In Uintah County, crews put up 10-inch galvanized iron barriers that herded the insects into pits, where they ate each other or were burned or buried. An estimated 250 bushels of the crop-destroying pests were killed. In Oak City, Millard County, CCC workers with protective face masks laced fields with arsenic to get rid of the hoppers.

Over the life of the program, the federal government spent \$52 million in Utah.

On average, CCC workers remained 18 months in the corps. For many of the young men, it was a better life than they'd ever known, despite the hard work. Anderson described thick steaks coming to the tables in dishpans, and there were plenty of hearty "meat and potatoes" meals. And for some, the CCC-issue shoes were the first substantial footwear they'd ever worn. They hesitated to take them off at night.

Some of the men learned to read and write, skills they had failed to gain at home. In one 21-man contingent of Virginians who came to Utah, only one could write his

name, recalled Linn C. Baker, who also served in the corps and later becoming a Utah legislator and two-time state treasurer.

Ellis Armstrong, Utah's first director of highways and later U.S. commissioner of public roads and a member of the commission for the Bureau of Reclamation, spent the summer of 1933 laying out camp sites and water systems. He was then a student at the Branch Agricultural College, predecessor to Utah State University.

Many of the CCC boys received on-the-job training that prepared them for jobs in the private sector. Baker, for instance, was a camp cook and later got a job in a bakery.

The national experience also had an unanticipated benefit in providing a disciplined, trained pool of potential soldiers for World War II. From some of the Utah camps, more than half the men went on to serve in the military.

Some of the young men who came to Utah to do CCC work stayed to contribute to the cultural diversity of the state. Raymond N. Jiacolleti, who had been a teacher in Wyoming, remained to become mayor of Heber City for 20 years.

Joseph Bernini, born on New York City's east side, was excited at the prospects of visiting the "Wild West" to be a CCC worker, according to a later news story. He left the train at Jericho, 18 miles south of Eureka, and got a sudden taste of the real West, sans cowboys and Indians. An army truck took him to the nearby camp and he went to work cutting cedar posts for fence lines, seeding desert tracts and building storage dams for watering livestock.

Bernini married a local girl, Grace Green, then served in the U.S. Navy, making seven landings in the South Pacific. He returned to raise a family in Utah.

The work was tough, but as Sam Westenskow later recalled, "We were glad for any job, even for jobs paying \$30 per month and your keep.... You got a good feel-

ing from your work."

A typical Utah group was Company 959. The men had their first quarters in a small tent city in Joe's Valley below Manti Mountain. They moved to Mount Pleasant for the winter and in 1936 went to Ferron to do conservation jobs.

In the winter, heated gravel or water over fires built in 24-inch cement culverts provided a welcome hand-warming now and again.

A group building a road in Willard Basin to facilitate erosion control had an adventure when an early snowstorm struck. Beginning on a Friday night, the storm continued until the men, mostly from Arkansas, were up to their waists in snow and their tents had to be cleaned periodically to keep them from collapsing.

Snow closed the only road out of the area. By Tuesday morning, after a meal of frozen onions, about 80 "apprehensive southern boys" started to march out, according to an article in the Utah Historical Quarterly, Summer 1971.

With two or three of the "more husky boys" breaking a trail through the snow, they made an exhausting eight-mile hike to the safety of waiting trucks that took them to a comfortable base camp in Hyrum. After a few days of thaw, they returned to the work site to scatter ground-cover seeds on top of 6 inches of remaining snow.

The exuberance of youth didn't disappear in the camps. Several high jinks were recalled by Willard Smith and Vao Bowers when their unit had a reunion in Ferron. The two men, who had attended Cyrus High School together, saw an opportunity when a group of "greenies" was lined up waiting for physical exams. Bowers climbed on a stretcher as if an exam had "done him in" while Smith encouraged the impression.

As in Smith and Bowers' case, many friendships outlasted the CCC. And for all Utahns, including those who were never aware of the corps, the work done on the land continues to be a benefit.

Postage case

cupants and stole illegal drugs, three guns and stereo equipment. The suspects then drove to Orem and bound a woman occupant with duct tape and robbed her of illegal drugs, jewelry and money.

Ronnie Ray Wakefield, 31, Salt Lake City, the man investigators called the leader of the group, pleaded guilty last week to four counts of aggravated burglary and one count of aggravated robbery. He was originally charged with nine first-degree felonies. He was

sentenced to five terms of five years to life in prison with an extra three years for using a firearm.

His wife, Lori Wakefield, 31, and Ricardo Serna, 18, also pleaded guilty to the same five charges, but both only received an extra one-year sentence for using a firearm. Joseph R. Meraz, 18, Ogden, pleaded guilty to four first-degree felonies in January and is serving a prison term of five years to life.

Kevin Butterfield, 19, Salt Lake City, and Earnest Waldeck, 36, Salt Lake City, are waiting to enter pleas on reduced charges. The cases of both were on hold because both had planned to testify against the four other suspects.

treatment

drinking at Smith's home when the two began arguing. During the argument Smith walked to his bedroom, got a .22-caliber handgun and shot Tuckett three times at point-blank range in the abdomen. During a subsequent struggle three more shots were fired, one striking the ceiling, one the wall and one the floor. Several children were in the room during the altercation, but none was injured.

Court records show that Smith formerly drank about a pint of hard liquor each day and has six prior alcohol-related offenses.

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Adult Probation and Parole recommended that Smith be sent to prison. The victim, however, opposed prison. Birmingham placed Smith on three years supervised probation with the jail time and alcohol treatment being a condition of the probation. Smith was also fined \$925.

2 teens hospitalized after head-on crash

PROVO — Two Provo teens injured over the weekend in a collision near the mouth of Provo Canyon remained hospitalized Tuesday morning at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

Shanon Brackett, 17, remained in critical condition in the intensive care unit. Jill Coles, 17, was listed

head-on with a truck on U.S. 189 near the Orem 800 North overpass. Both Coles and Brackett were ejected.

According to an accident report, the eastbound Volkswagen went off the road, lost control and slid back across the road into the westbound lane where it collided with

UTAH COUNTY MOVIES

For a complete review of each new movie, watch for Christopher Hicks' reviews in the Deseret News Today section. For minireviews of each film playing, see Hicks' "On the Screen" column in each Friday's Weekend section.

Because some theaters change movie times during the week, we suggest viewers call the theater to verify times.

For your convenience, each movie listed below carries a star rating. The key to the evaluations is: ★★★★ — excellent; ★★★ — good; ★★ — fair; ★ — poor; and turkey.

The guide to the content rating assigned by the Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture Association of America is: G — general audiences; PG — parental guidance; PG-13 — some material may be inappropriate for children younger than 13; R — restricted, no one younger than 17 admitted without an adult; and NC-17 — no one younger than 17 admitted.

PROVO

ACADEMY, 56 N. University Ave., 373-4470. "The Indian in the Cupboard," ★★★, rated PG (violence, mild profanity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

CENTRAL SQUARE, 175 N. 200 West, 374-6061. "Operation Dumbo Drop," ★★, rated PG (violence, vulgarity), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m.; "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory," ★½, rated R (violence, gore, sex, nudity, profanity, vulgarity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; "Something to Talk About," ★★, rated R (profanity, vulgarity, violence), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m.; "Bushwacked," ★½, rated PG-13 (violence, vulgarity, profanity), 2, 4:15, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

MOVIES 8, 2424 University Parkway, 375-5667. "While You Were Sleeping," ★★★½, rated PG (violence, mild profanity, vulgarity), 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:50, 7:20 and 9:45 p.m.; "Tommy Boy," ★½, rated PG-13 (profanity, vulgarity, sex, nudity, violence), 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35 and 9:55 p.m.; "Die Hard With a Vengeance," ★½, rated R (violence, gore, profanity, vulgarity, sex), 12:45, 3:50, 6:40 and 9:30 p.m.; "French Kiss," ★★★, rated PG-13 (profanity, vulgarity, violence, sex, nudity), 11:25 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25 p.m.; "Forget Paris," ★★★, rated PG-13 (profanity, vulgarity, sex), 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 and 9:35 p.m.; "A Goofy Movie," ★★★, rated G, 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 9:20 p.m.; "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie," ★½, rated PG (violence, mild vulgarity), 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

Saturday and Monday only. Varsity II: Closed until fall semester. Midnight movie: Closed until fall semester.

PIONEER DRIVE IN, 1255 S. State, 374-0521. "Waterworld," ★½, rated PG-13 (violence, nudity, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 8:30 p.m., show at dusk; "Operation Dumbo Drop," ★★, rated PG (violence, vulgarity), and "The Indian in the Cupboard," ★★★, rated PG (violence, mild profanity), 8:30 p.m., show at dusk.

OREM

UNIVERSITY 4 CINEMAS, 959 S. 700 East, 224-6622. On two screens: "Apollo 13," ★★★★, rated PG (profanity, vulgarity), 1, 4, 7:10 and 10 p.m.; "Waterworld," ★½, rated PG-13 (violence, nudity, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 1:20, 4:30, 7:25 and 10:10 p.m.; "The Net," ★★★, rated PG-13 (violence, profanity, vulgarity, sex), 1:45, 4:15, 7 and 9:40 p.m.; "Babe," ★★★, rated G, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

CARILLON SQUARE, 309 E. 1300 South, 224-5112. "Clueless," ★★, rated PG-13 (violence, vulgarity, profanity, drugs), 1:30, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; "Nine Months," ★½, rated PG-13 (sex, profanity, vulgarity, violence, nude art), 1:15, 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; "First Knight," ★½, rated PG-13 (violence), 1:30, 4:15, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; "Virtuosity," ★½, rated R (violence, profanity, vulgarity, nudity), 1, 4, 7 and 9:45 p.m.

SCERA THEATER, 745 S. State, 225-2560. "Pocahontas," ★★½, rated G (violence), 7 and 9:15 p.m. Matinee at 3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.

AMERICAN FORK

TOWNE CINEMA, 120 W. Main, 756-3181. "A Goofy Movie," ★★★, rated G, 7 and 9:15 p.m.; "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie," ★½, rated PG (violence, mild profanity), 7 and 9:15 p.m.

PAYSON

HUSH, 98 W. Utah Ave., 465-2451. "Operation Dumbo Drop," ★★, rated PG (violence, vulgarity), 7 and 9 p.m. Closed Sunday.

PLEASANT GROVE

ALHAMBRA THEATER, 20 S. Main, 785-0827. "While You Were Sleeping," ★★★, rated PG (violence, mild profanity, vulgarity), 7 and 9:20 p.m. Closed Sunday.

SPANISH FORK

MAIN STREET MOVIE, 165 N. Main, 798-7469. "Pocahontas," ★★½, rated G (violence), 7 and 8:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.

SPRINGVILLE

VILLA THEATER, 254 S. Main, 489-3088. "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie," ★½, rated PG (violence, mild profanity), 7 and 9 p.m. Closed Sunday.